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GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Transport Department – Road Safety Policy - 2024 - Orders – Issued.

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TRANSPORT, ROADS & BUILDINGS (TRP.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O. Ms No.22 **Date.14.03.2024.**

Read:

Form the Transport Commissioner, A.P. Vijayawada, Letter No. 18021/21/2024/RSC, Date 13.03.2024.

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ORDER

Preamble

- Government of Andhra Pradesh is deeply concerned about the number of road accidents, injuries and fatalities in recent years. It recognizes that road accidents have now become a major public health issue and the victims are mainly the poor and vulnerable road users.

- Government of Andhra Pradesh further recognizes that as road accidents involve human beings and animals, road safety needs to be addressed on a holistic basis. It also recognizes that the State Government has responsibility in reducing the incidence of road accidents injuries and fatalities.

- In the light of this, Government of Andhra Pradesh through this Andhra Pradesh State Road Safety Policy, states its commitment to bring about a significant reduction in mortality and morbidity resulting from road accidents.

Policy Statements

In order to achieve a significant improvement in road safety, Government of Andhra Pradesh is committed to:

Raise Awareness about Road Safety Issues

Government would increase its efforts to promote awareness about the various aspects of road safety, the social and economic implications of road accidents and

what needs to be done to curb the rising menace of road accidents. This would enable and empower the different stakeholders to play a meaningful role in promoting road safety.

Road Safety Information Database

Government will continue to endeavour to improve the quality of crash investigation and of data collection, transmission and analysis by all the Stake holding departments. A State Road Safety Lead Agency is established for providing continuity and policy guidelines to this activity.

Ensure Safer Road Infrastructure

Government will take measures to review standards pertaining to safety in the design of rural and urban roads and bring them in consonance with international best practices keeping in view local traffic conditions. Continuing application of Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS) to establish a safe and efficient transport system will be encouraged.

Safer Drivers

Government will strengthen the system of driver licensing and training to improve the competence and capability of drivers. This will involve establishment of Automated Driving Testing Tracks in the jurisdiction of each licensing authority in a phased manner.

Safety of Vulnerable Road Users

The design and construction of all road facilities (rural and urban) will take into account the needs of non-motorized transport and the vulnerable and physically challenged in an appropriate manner. Government will seek to disseminate best practices in this regard to town planners, architects and highway and traffic engineers.

Government will provide encouragement to establish a safe and efficient transport system.

Road Traffic Safety Education and Training

Road safety knowledge and awareness will be created amongst the population through education, training and publicity campaigns. Road Safety education will

also focus on school children and college going students while road safety publicity campaigns will be used to propagate good road safety practices among the community. Government will encourage all professionals associated with road design, road construction, road network management, traffic management and law enforcement to attain adequate knowledge of road safety issues.

Enforcement of Safety Laws

Government shall make endeavour to strengthen and improve the quality of enforcement in order to ensure effective and uniform implementation of safety laws. Government will actively encourage the establishment and strengthening of highway Patrolling on National and State Highways.

Emergency Medical Services for Road Accidents

Government will strive to ensure that all persons involved in road accidents benefit from speedy and effective trauma care and management. The essential functions of such a service would include the provision of rescue operation and administration of first aid at the site of an accident and the transport of the victim from accident site to nearby hospital. Hospitals alongside the National Highways and State Highways would be adequately equipped to provide for trauma care and rehabilitation.

HRD & Research for Road Safety

Government will encourage increased activity in programmes of road safety research by identifying priority areas, funding research in those areas adequately and establishing centers of excellence in research and academic institutions. Government will facilitate dissemination of the result of research and identified examples of good practices through publication, training, conferences, workshops and websites.

Strengthening Enabling Legal, Institutional and Financial Environment for Road Safety

Government will take appropriate measures to ensure that the required legal, institutional and financial environment for road safety is further strengthened and a mechanism for effective coordination of various stakeholders is put in place. The reforms in these areas would provide for the active and extensive participation of the community at large, of the private sector, academia and NGOS.

Implementation Strategy

Government have established a State Level Road Safety Lead Agency to oversee the issues related to road safety and evolve effective strategies for implementation of the Road Safety Policy. Government have also established a non-lapsable State Road Safety Fund to finance road safety activities through the allocation of a certain percentage of the enforcement fee to the road safety fund.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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